

** REVISION **

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: County Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:15 AM, Tuesday, February 06, 2018
PLACE: Houston, TX
CHAIR: Rep. Garnet Coleman

The Committee will meet at The University of Houston - Downtown Campus, Welcome Center Building, Milam and Travis Rooms, 201 Girard Street, Houston, TX 77002 to consider the following interim charges:

Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, non-governmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.

Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.

The Committee will also discuss the implementation of SB 1849 otherwise known as the "Sandra Bland Act".

Prior to the hearing, Committee Members will take a tour of the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey at the University of Houston- Downtown.

The hearing will be live-streamed. To view the hearing, please copy and paste the following link into your web browser:
uhdhtml.uhd.edu/Player/Live/4.

The Committee will hear invited and public testimony.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

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